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OFFICERS

Rev. H. C. Jones.....President

Sister Goldia E. Johnson.....Vice-President

Brother J. L. Clemons.....Secretary

Sister Dora L. Coffield.....Assistant Secretary

Brother P. T. Everett.....Treasurer

Brother H. F. Everett.....Statistician

Rev. J. A. McNair.....Auditor

Rev. C. H. Stokes.....Historian

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. H. C. Jones — Brother S. P. Briley

Rev. P. G. Gilmore

CONSTITUTION

Section 1. This Convention shall be known as the Vienna Oak Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Section 2. This Convention shall be composed of life members, delegates and messengers from Sunday Schools, who shall be entitled to seats and voice in the same.

Section 3. Convention shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, an Auditor, Statistical Secretary, Historian, Executive Board, who shall be elected annually by the Convention. Their term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the Convention, or as soon as their successors are known.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall give a bond for double the amount of money that goes in his hands from time to time, from this Convention.

Section 5. Any regular Sunday School may join this Convention by the payment of one dollar.

Section 6. Any member of a regular Sunday School may join this Convention by the proper recommendation and the payment of twenty-five cents and twenty-five cents annually. Three failures cancel the membership.

Section 7. Letters received by this Convention from various Sunday Schools composing the same shall express its name, County, Church, Clerk's Name, Clerk's Address, Name of Delegate, Superintendent, Pastor, Pastor's Address, number of Male, Females and Total Members, number of Teachers, and the Amount sent the Convention.

Section 8. This Convention shall not Lord it over God's heritage nor interfere with the internal rights of the Sunday Schools.

Section 9. The object of this Convention shall be to instill new inspiration of Christian zeal in the minds of the Negro race.

Section 10. It is recommended by the Convention that each Sunday School represent as God prospers it, but not less than one dollar and have Sub-Meetings during the year.

Section 11. This Convention shall supply the several Schools, composing this body with minutes of each session, which shall be directed to the clerks of the Schools in the care of the Pastors.

Section 12. This Convention shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from any Sunday School or life member who violates its rules, or principles of immorality or religion.

Section 13. This convention shall have power to inquire into why, each Sunday School is not represented.

Section 14. The Executive Board shall consist of three members including the President, who shall have power to pay off all expenses

of the Convention and attend to other business prior to the sitting of the Convention and report annually.

Section 15. All money raised during the Conventional year shall be expended for the benefit of the Roanoke Seminary, except for charitable purposes as are herein set forth.

Section 16. The Officers and the Executive Board shall be paid for their services rendered at the sittings of the Convention.

Section 17. This Constitution shall be subject to a change by a two third vote of the members present composing this body.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. This Convention shall be opened and closed by prayer No more than one shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator with these words "Brother Moderator."

Article 2. No question is to be discussed until it is motioned for and seconded and distinctly stated by the Moderator.

Article 3. After a motion is fully before the house the mover cannot withdraw it, except by the consent of the Convention.

Article 4. A motion shall contain but one distinct proposition.

Article 5. The minutes of each session shall be corrected (if need be) and adopted.

Article 6. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted unless he is out of order. The person speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before but fairly state the case so as to convey his ideas.

Article 7. No member shall abruptly break off or absent him or herself without obtaining liberty from the Convention.

Article 8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining liberty from the President.

Article 9. The names of the several Sunday Schools and members shall be enrolled by the Secretaries, and called as often as the Convention requires.

Article 10. The President may be entitled to give his advice on any subject before voting on it, but not entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

Article 11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the Convention.

Article 12. When any Sunday School or member is recognized the same shall be manifested by the President extending the right hand of fellowship.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION—JULY 7, 1916.

The Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention convened at Sycamore Baptist Church, Hamilton, N. C. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. J. A. Taylor, at 10:30 A. M.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. P. G. Gilmore. Hymn No. 303 was sung. Then read twenty-two verses of the fourth chapter of ———. Prayer was offered by Brother S. P. Briley. Hymn No. 132 was sung.

The Vice-President, Rev. J. A. Taylor announced the house ready for business. Rev. A. Cooper, the Pastor, came forward and delivered the welcome address, in the behalf of the Church; Brother McMitchell, in the behalf of the Sunday School; Mrs. E. B. Andrews, in the behalf of the Methodist Church. The response was delivered by Rev. J. A. McNair.

It was motioned that the Constitution and By-laws be read.

Upon motion the doors of the Sunday School Convention were opened.

Three became members of the Convention by paying twenty-five cents each.

On motion a committee of five, on Nomination of Officers was appointed as follows: Rev. J. A. McNair, McMitchell, S. P. Briley, H. F. Everett and Sister Mary Briley. The above names were affirmed.

Collection, $.60. Benediction.

Rev. H. C. Jones, Pres.; Bro. J. L. Clemons, Secty.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention reassembled at 2:15 P. M., July 7, 1916.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. H. Stokes. Hymn No. 623 was sung. The first chapter of St. John was read. Prayer was offered by Brother Paul Clemons. Next selection No. 410.

The President announced the house ready for business. It was motioned that the minutes of the morning session be read. It was motioned that the minutes be received and adopted with the proper correction.

On motion a committee of three on Finance was appointed, viz: Brother H. F. Everett, Sister Lena B. Chance and Brother Paul Clemons. The above names were affirmed.

On motion a committee of three on Pulpit Supplies was appointed, viz: Rev. A. Cooper, Brother Paul Clemons and Rev. C. H. Stokes. The above names were affirmed.

It was motioned that the time be extended one-half of an hour. Motioned that we meet again at 6:30 P. M. Benediction.

Rev. H. C. Jones, President; Bro. J. L. Clemons, Secty.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention reassembled at 6:30 P. M. The Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. McNair. Hymn No. 507 was sung. The 55th chapter of Isaiah was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. McNair. Next selection 342. About thirty minutes were spent in praise services.

Motioned that there be a committee of three on Place and Preachers for the next session, viz: Rev. C. H. Stokes, Paul Clemons and James Pew. The above names were affirmed.

Motioned that there be a committee of three on Programme, viz: Rev. P. G. Gilmore, Sister Goldia E. Johnson and Brother J. E. Pew. The above names were affirmed.

The Treasurer reported. (See report.) On motion the report of the Treasurer was adopted.

The Missionaries reported. (See report.) On motion the report of the Missionaries was received and adopted. On motion the Convention extended the Missionaries a vote of thanks for their splendid work.

Motioned that Rev. J. A. Taylor be excused for the evening. Business was vacated for preaching. A few words of praise were sung.

Rev. C. H. Stokes was then introduced by the President as the speaker of the hour. Rev. C. H. Stokes selected for his text: *"And the Lord said unto him, arise and go into the street that is called straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus, for, behold, he prayeth,"* Acts 9:11. The sermon was an inspiring one. Collection, $1.55. Benediction.

Rev. H. C. Jones, President; Bro. J. L. Clemons, Secty.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention reassembled at 2:30 P. M., July 8, 1916.

The house was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. J. A. Taylor and the Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. C. Jones. The 83rd Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. C. Jones. Selection No. 543.

The Vice-President announced the house ready for business. On motion the minutes of the last half day's session were read. On motion the minutes were received and adopted with the proper correction.

It was motioned that the roll of Sunday Schools and Life Members be called.

It was motioned that the minutes be printed in a book form. On motion the printing of the minutes was referred to the Executive Board.

On motion the doors of the Convention were opened.

Report of the Committee on Place and Preachers for the next session was read. (See report.) On motion the report of the Committee on Place and Preachers for the next session was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies was read. (See report.) On motion the report was received and adopted.

Committee on Nomination of Officers reported. It was motioned that the report be declared null and void. It was motioned that the officers be elected by the house. Motioned that Rev. H. C. Jones be the President. Motioned that Sister Goldia E. Johnson be the Vice-President. Motioned that Brother J. L. Clemons be the Secretary. Motioned that Sister Dora Coffield be the Assistant Secretary. Motioned that Brother P. T. Everett be the Treasurer. Motioned that Brother H. F. Everett be the Statistician. Motioned that Rev. C. H. Stokes be the Historian. Motioned that Rev. J. A. McNair be Auditor. Motioned that Rev. H. C. Jones, Brother S. P. Briley and Rev. P. G. Gilmore constitute the Executive Board.

Motioned that the Sub-Meeting of the Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention convene with Olive Branch Baptist Church, Parmele, N. C., on the second Saturday and Sunday in November, nineteen hundred and sixteen. Motioned that Rev. C. H. Stokes preach the Introductory Sermon. Motioned that Rev. J. A. McNair be the Alternate. Motioned that Rev. J. A. Taylor preach the special sermon. Motioned that Rev. William Jenkins be his alternate.

Report of the Finance Committee was read. (See report.) On motion the report was received and adopted. Benediction.

Rev. H. C. Jones, President; Bro. J. L. Clemons, Secty.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention reassembled at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

The appointee, Rev. J. A. McNair and Rev. J. A. Taylor conducted the Devotional exercises, after which the President introduced Rev. J. A. McNair as the speaker of the hour. Rev. McNair selected for his text: *"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears,"* Psalm 34:4. He preached a very good sermon. Collection, $2.50. Remarks. Benediction.

Rev. H. C. Jones, President; Bro. J. L. Clemons, Secty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday School was conducted in usual form by the Superintendent and teachers. Lesson, "The Thessalonian Christians," First Thessalonians 1; 2:7-20; 4:13-18. Memory verses, 4:16-17 Motto Text, *"If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him,"* First Thessalonians 4:14. The lesson was taught thirty minutes.

Sunday School Rally. Collection: Vienna Oak Sunday School was represented at the table by Mrs. Goldia E. Johnson; amount raised, $2.50. St. John Sunday School, Gold Point, N. C. was represented at the table by Miss Armelia Taylor, amount raised, $4.65. Sycamore Baptist Sunday School, Hamilton, N. C., was represented at the table by Brother Clark; amount raised, $6.46. Rising Sun Sunday School, Robersonville, N. C., represented at the table by Mr. Spence Williams, $ .50.

Rev. H. C. Jones, President; Bro. J. L. Clemons, Secty.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The house was called to order by the President at 12 o'clock A. M., July 9, 1916.

The Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. C. Jones and Rev. J. A. McNair. After the first selection, the 10th Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Brother Paul Clemons. Second selection.

Rev. H. C. Jones was introduced by the Vice-President. Rev. Jones selected for his text: *"These all died in faith, not having received the promise but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that*

they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth," Hebrews 11:13. Collection, $5.00. Remarks. Benediction.

Rev. H. C. Jones, President; Bro. J. L. Clemons, Secty.

SUB-MEETING OF THE S. S. CONVENTION.

The Sub-Meeting of the Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention convened at Second Zion Grove Baptist Church, near Plymouth, N. C., on the second Saturday and Sunday in November, 1915. The session was a great one. Sermons were preached by Revs. J. A. Tayor, William Jenkins and C. H. Stokes.

A programme was rendered on Friday night by the Second Zion Grove Sunday School. A general programme was rendered on Sunday evening. Brother T. I. Blunt, Messenger from the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, was given a seat and voice. He donated fifty cents. Brother Luke Faulk became a member of the Convention. The total receipts were $30.03.

MASS MEETING OF THE S. S. CONVENTION.

The Mass Meeting of the Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention and the Women's Union convened at Shilo Baptist Church, Williamston, N. C., March 11, 1916. The session was a glorious one. Sermons were preached by Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., (Installation Sermon for the Women's Union, Friday Night;) Rev. William Jenkins, (Saturday Night;) Rev. J. A. McNair, (Special Sermon, Sunday.)

A general programme was rendered Sunday at 3:00 o'clock. A special programme was rendered Sunday night by the Mt. Shilo Baptist Sunday School. Rev. J. A. McNair, Missionary, reported the amount of $2.10. We feel grateful to Rev. Mc Nair for his work. We were blessed to have Rev. E. D. Hildred, A. B., B. D., President of Kinston College, Kinston, N. C. with us.

The following brethren became members of the Convention: Rev. E. S. Bownes and Brother J. H. Riddick.

The following persons donated in this meeting: Rev. H. C. Jones, $1.00; Rev. J. A. Taylor, $1.00; Rev. Joshua Griffin, $1.00; Rev. P. G. Gilmore, $.25; Mrs. Dora Coffield, $1.00; Sister Williams, $.25; Sister Alice Baysmore, $.25; Rev. E. S. Bownes, $.25; Rev. Luke Faulk, $.25; Rev. J. A. McNair, $.25; Mrs. Iola V. Jones, $.25. The amount raised in the Mass Meeting was $40.36.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Brother Vice-President:

I have exercised my influence for the good of the Convention. I have traveled, written, and had bills, souvenirs and out-looks printed for the purpose of exciting a greater spirit of activity in our boundary. I have visited several Sunday Schools and most of them have helped me to foster this great movement. All of the Schools have done well and they need to be complimented.

H. C. JONES.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Mr President: I, the Treasurer of the Vienna Oak Sunday School Convention beg to report:

Brought forward July 11, 1916	$ 20.14	
Received from the Convention, July 11, 1915	67.44	
Received from the Sub-Meeting, Nov. 14, 1915	30.03	
Received from the Mass-Meeting, March 12, 1916	40.36	
Total		$157.97

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Expenses	$ 91.35	
Teacher's Salary	67.00	
Total		$158.35
Overdrawn		.38

This I submit for your investigation,

P. T. EVERETT, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PULPIT SUPPLIES.

We, your Committee on Pulpit Supplies, beg leave to report; to preach tonight at 8 o'clock P. M., July 8th, 1916, Rev. J. A. McNair, with Rev. J. A. Taylor, alternate. All of which we humbly submit.

Rev. A. Cooper, Brother Paul Clemons, Rev. C. H. Stokes

—Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report:

Received from Sunday Schools	$ 26.35
Received from Missionaries	5.80

Received from Life Members	3.50	
Total		$ 35.65

All of which we humbly submit,
H. F. Everett, Miss Lena B. Chance, Paul Clemons
—Committee.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Mr. President:

I am glad that the Great Head of the Church has blessed me in my effort to help this great work.

I have visited some Sunday Schools that were not members of our Convention and have tried to show them the progress of our work. I have visited some of the Sunday Schools in our boundary and have encouraged them to do more and better work. I have received:

From Long Ridge Baptist Church, Washington Co.	$ 1.00	
From Pine Top Baptist Church Edgecomb Co.	2.05	
From Second Zion Grove Baptist Church, Washington.	2.40	
Total		$ 5.45
Expense		$ 2.00
I remit		$ 3.45

Humbly Yours,
(REV.) J. A. McNAIR.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY.

I, your Missionary, beg leave to render the following report:

Received from Mt. Shilo Bapt. Ch,, Williamston, N. C.	$ 3.25	
Received from Jamesville Bapt. Ch., Jamesville, N. C.	.55	
Total		$ 3.80
Expenses		1.40
I remit		$ 2.40

Humbly Yours,
H. F. EVERETT.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR FEES.

Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D.	$ .25
Rev. S. R. Riddick	.25
Rev. Everett	.25
Rev. N. C. Otterbridge	.25
Rev. S. P. Joyner	.25
Rev. R. C. Yarrell	.25
Rev. H. C. Jones	.25
Rev. P. G. Gilmore	.25

Rev. J. A. Taylor	.25
Rev. J. A. McNair	.25
Rev. C. H. Stokes	.25
Rev. Wm. Jenkins	.25
Brother P. T. Everett	.25
Brother L. J. Ewell	.25
Brother E. Forrest	.25
Brother J. L. Clemons	.25
Brother H. F. Everett	.25
Brother Clyde Wynn	.25
Brother W. L. Spruil	.25
Brother Harvey Briley	.25
Brother S. P. Briley	.25
Mr. S. P. Williams	.25
Sister G. E. Johnson	.25
Sister Iola V. Jones	.25
Sister Mary Freeman	.25
Sister Dora Coffield	.25

NEW MEMBERS.

Rev. A. Cooper	
Brother Paul Clemons	
Brother Walter Forrest	
Brother James Duggins	
Sister Lena B. Chance	.25
Sister Mary Freeman	.25
Sister Mary Williams	
Rev. Luke Faulk	.25
Rev. E. A. Bownes	

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR FEES.

Rev. J. J. Tillet, Rev. W. G. Holloman, Brother J. W. Wallace, Brother C. C. Close, Brother Richard Brown, Mr. E. K. Clark, Mr. E. K. Roberson, Sister Lizzie Howell, Sister N. V. Cromwell.

Yours by Star
Perfect Paint